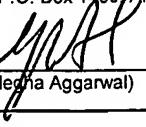


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Examiner: J. Lockard

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 2, 2006 (Paper No. 20060428), for which a response is due June 2, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 2, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-6) for continued examination without traverse. Applicants further elect species kinase inhibitor (claims 1-6).

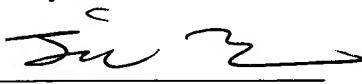
Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application. Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim. Applicants request that upon the allowance of a generic claim, the remainder of the species be included as permitted by 37 C.F.R. §1.141(a).

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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